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Applicant : J. Carl Cooper et al.  
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Title : Improved Program Viewing Apparatus and Method  
  
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Examiner : Dang T. Ton  
  
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January 15, 2004

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

On January 12 applicant spoke with Examiner Ton via telephone regarding the Logan et al. reference which was newly cited in the 12/24/2003 office action. Applicant pointed out that while the Logan reference did show a multiple compressed program recording system, it did not disclose or suggest many of the features attributed to it in the office action. Applicant noted in particular that Logan only performs continuous recording over the oldest program and has no provision for selectively overwriting according to priority.

Examiner Ton noted that he had spent several days reviewing the entire application file including prior arguments, office actions and prior art and further noted the office action was final with further argument by applicant likely to introduce new

issues which would not be considered. Examiner Ton suggested that applicant refile the rejected claims in a continuing application to continue prosecution.

Examiner Ton stated that he believed the speed changing and frequency compensation features of the invention were each novel and suggested that those claims currently rejected over the prior art would be in condition for allowance if amended to add an element related to one of those features. Applicant agreed to consider the proposed course of action.

Respectfully Submitted,



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